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Locals Stand in the Sand

Hundreds of people gathered at West Beach Sunday to form a "Human Boom" along the shoreline to show support for victims of the gulf oil spill.

Pizza Guru re-opens

The uptown restaurant Pizza Guru has reopened. Owner Joshua Braun sent "The Restaurant Guy" a letter with his perspective on recent events that have been widely publicized in local news outlets.

Man, 20, arrested for pandering

Authorities arrested a 20-year-old man on suspicion of human trafficking and pandering after he allegedly forced a teenager to engage in prostitution at a local motel.

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Judge resolves theater battle

Unity Shop concerned deal will disrupt telethon operations

BY ERIC LINDBERG
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While a contentious dispute over plans to lease Victoria Hall Theater to a local theater company has been resolved, leaders with one nonprofit are still concerned about changes planned for the 89-year-old building.

Unity Shoppe, a well-known local nonprofit, found itself pitted against

the two other nonprofits in the building at 35 W. Victoria St. after they signed off on a 30-year lease with Ensemble Theatre Company last September.

A judge resolved the battle through arbitration proceedings that fell in favor of the theatre company, but Unity Shoppe officials said they are concerned that renovations to the for-

mer church hall will make it impossible for the charity to hold its annual telethon fundraiser.

"It impacts everything we do," said Tom Reed, executive director of Unity Shoppe. "It may impact our sustainability and it's just a bad deal."

Those backing the lease agreement — officials with Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM) and

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) — have said they took extreme precautions to ensure their colleagues at Unity Shoppe will be able to use the theater to hold the fundraiser.

And although Ensemble plans to install permanent seating and widen the lobby area, theater officials said See THEATRE, page 2



Courtesy photo

Emilio's founder and owner Michael DePaola poses with guests outside his restaurant on Cabrillo Blvd. Emilio's is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, a milestone seldom reached in the restaurant business.

Eatery celebrates 20 years

BY MONTGOMERY MILLER
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The author and poet Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "Things do not change, we change." Aside from its simple elegance, Thoreau's wisdom illustrates for us a stark contrast between mid-nineteenth century perceptions of time and change against those of our fast-paced, technology-driven twenty-first century.

For those among us who have lived in Santa Barbara for 30 or more years certain names will instantly bring a smile. Piccadilly Square, The Tea House Restaurant, The Popcorn Man, the "Round House", the Ice House, Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, the Earthing Bookstore, and who could forget J.K. Frimples—all so many fond memories from a time that has long since faded into the past. We live in a world that seems to be changing so rapidly that it's hard for most of us to keep up.

What was once familiar is quickly See EMILIO'S, page 10

Authorities say Santa Ynez crime was murder-suicide

BY COLBY FRAZIER
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Santa Barbara County Sheriff officials announced yesterday that they are investigating the discovery of two bodies inside a Santa Ynez Valley home on Friday as a murder-suicide.

Authorities were dispatched to the

home of Guy Sydney Erway Jr., 48, and Ruth Jochum Erway, 42, just after 11 a.m. after neighbors heard the couple arguing. But before police arrived, neighbors heard gunshots at the residence, located at 3440 Manzana St.

The SWAT team was called in, and several nearby homes on the street, a

cul-de-sac, were evacuated. When authorities entered the home around 1:15 p.m., they found the two dead bodies.

Two dogs, both unharmed, were taken from the residence.

"Although it appears Mr. Erway shot Mrs. Erway before shooting

himself, this case is still considered open as Sheriff's Detectives continue to gather facts in their investigation," said the spokesman, Drew Sugars, in a prepared statement. "The Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau is expected to perform autopsies on both bodies this week."

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NEWS

Police arrest 20-year-old for pandering, human trafficking

BY ERIC LINDBERG
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Authorities arrested a 20-year-old man on suspicion of human trafficking and pandering after he allegedly forced a teenager to engage in prostitution at a local motel.

Dispatchers received a call late Friday morning from a woman in Nebraska reporting that her 18-year-old daughter was in serious trouble. Lt. Paul McCaffrey said in a news release.

"The daughter said she was at a motel on upper State Street, being held against her will and being forced to engage in prostitution," he said. "Police went to the motel and verified that the 18-year-old

woman and two others had stayed in a room."

The group had checked out an hour earlier, however, and was last seen driving away in a late-model white Cadillac with Oklahoma license plates. Dispatchers relayed the information to law enforcement agencies throughout the area.

Their efforts paid off later that day, when deputies with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department spotted the Cadillac traveling along Highway 1 near Morro Bay.

Authorities stopped the vehicle without incident and detained the suspect, identified as Patrick Boughton, in addition

to contacting the 18-year-old woman and another woman.

"During the course of investigation, detectives determined that Boughton had used threats, coercion and physical abuse to force the 18-year-old woman to engage in prostitution and prevent her from fleeing," McCaffrey said in the news release. "Detectives are investigating their recent travels and the relationship of the second woman to the criminal allegations."

Authorities arrested Boughton on charges of human trafficking and pandering, with bail set at \$100,000. Police officials said they are not releasing his photograph due to the ongoing investigation.

THEATRE

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the renovations would actually provide more space to the nonprofit, which will also be given full use of the hall for a number in December for its fundraiser.

"Our current designs have taken into account their needs in terms of how much space they need to run the telethon," said Jonathan Fox, artistic director with Ensemble Theatre Company.

But Reed said plans to remove the dance floor area in front of the stage will make it costly and difficult to hold the event, which brings in a third of the nonprofit's annual budget.

He said the changes are coming at a particularly bad time as well, with Unity Shoppe struggling in a poor economy to serve an ever-increasing number of people seeking assistance from the nonprofit.

"Cutting back on program services and the number of low-income clients we will be able to serve, and possibly laying off employees, are all issues we now must face," he said.

The three nonprofits purchased the

theater hall together in 1987 and signed a co-ownership agreement. They have leased out and rented the theater space throughout the years, mostly for arts-related purposes.

When a major lessee didn't renew in 2008, CALM and RSYV sought a deal with Ensemble, which had been searching for a larger venue than its current home at Alhacama Theatre.

Unity Shoppe contended that the ownership agreement required all three nonprofits to agree to a lease, but the arbitration process determined the lease to be valid.

Rich Schuette, president of CALM's board of directors, could not be reached yesterday, but said in a previous interview last September that he is confident that the planned renovations will not negatively impact Unity Shoppe's work.

"If I thought for a second that any of those services would be interrupted, challenged or truly put in jeopardy, this would have never happened," he said in the previous interview. "We would have never allowed this to go forward if it jeopardized Unity in any way."

Ensemble officials said they are in the

process of finalizing their architectural designs for the theater hall, which will involve some structural reinforcement work to address earthquake safety issues that caused the building to be closed down earlier this year.

Fox said the renovations would also increase the lobby space, providing room for bathrooms and a concessions area.

"We are looking to create a new 300-seat theater that would be a fully functional stage with wing space and backstage space, as well as a new seating plan that would feel both intimate and functional," he said.

While the theatre company has called the Alhacama Theatre home for the past 27 years, he said the building's historic standing makes it impossible to add seats or stage space.

"White it is a great, intimate, charming space, it does have its limitations artistically," Fox said.

The theatre company hopes to begin construction at Victoria Hall Theater early next year, with an eye toward staging its first performance during the 2011-2012 season.

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